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TITAN DREAMER'S RESOURCE GUIDE



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WHO IS A "DREAMER"?

"DREAMER" is a socially constructed identity that came from the young undocumented movement in the '90s and early 2000s. Some undocumented youth and individuals who were brought to this country as minors self identify as a "Dreamer."

If you are an undocumented student who wants to go to college, this guide is for you!



HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

Many students believe that their immigration status will prevent them from attending college. This guide aims to provide a general introduction to important information in order to access post-secondary education in the State of California. The guide outlines California State University, Fullerton's commitment, and resources that can help undocumented students reach their educational goals if they choose CSUF as their destination campus. The guide also answers some common questions that you may have about attending and paying for college as an undocumented student.

DISCLAIMER

The information in this guide is intended to answer some questions you may have about going to college as an undocumented student, but should not be used as an immigration guide. This guide is not conclusive, as information about immigration is always changing. This information should not be used as a substitute for immigration counseling.

You are encouraged to connect with a professional for the most up-to-date and accurate information for your situation. To talk to an immigration attorney for free, please utilize this link to make an appointment: carecenla.simplybook.me. This service is open to all CSU students and employees.

UNDOCUMENTED.
UNAFRAID.



DACA

Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals

What is DACA?

The Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals or DACA program is an executive program that allows some eligible undocumented immigrants to receive a 2-year work permit and temporary protection from deportation. Individuals who were approved for this program receive a social security number for work authorization purposes and must renew their DACA every 2 years.

What is happening with DACA?

The DACA program was rescinded in 2017 and continues to be under legal contention. At this time, no new DACA applications are being accepted; only renewals are allowed. It is recommended that individuals consult with an immigration attorney to assess their individual case.



June 2012

Beginning of DACA

Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals was established under Obama granting deferred action and to qualified immigrant youth



2018 - 2019

Fight for DACA

Multiple actions taken against the Trump Administration in efforts to keep DACA. First injunction occur in January 2018 and has been on the Congress agenda ever since

STOP

Sept. 2019

DACA Resinded

Trump rescinds the DACA programs. Current recipients would be phased out and they are no longer accepting new request or temporary protection from deportation under DACA



Nov. 2020

Supreme Court Arguments

- Dept. of Homeland v. Regent of University of California
- Trump, President of U.S. v. NAACP
- McAleenan, Sec. of Homeland v. Vidal

About AB 540

Assembly Bill 540 (AB 540)

California Assembly Bill 540 allows non-California residents to apply for California residency for tuition purposes. This is not financial aid.

Webpage information and form are located at www.calstate.edu/residency.

Email the complete request to residency@fullerton.edu.

The deadline for fall 2020 admits is August 1, 2020.

The following Assembly Bills are additions to the original AB 540, allowing for more individuals to be eligible.

Assembly Bill 2000 (AB 2000)

Bill passed in 2014 as an expansion of AB 540. It increased the scope of student eligibility for students who graduated early from a California High School with the equivalent of three or more years of credits. If a student graduates early, they must have attended CA elementary or secondary schools for a cumulative total of 3 or more years. It allows students meeting the criteria to pay in-state tuition, the same as resident students.

Senate Bill 68 (SB 68)

This public post-secondary education exemption from nonresident tuition was approved by the governor and filed with the Secretary of State on October 5, 2017. This legislation amended Education Code, section 68130.5, changing the criteria for students eligible for a nonresident tuition exemption, as previously defined in Assembly Bill 540 (2001). Senate Bill 68 expands the requirements of AB 540 / AB 2000 to include attendance at California Community Colleges and attainment of an associate's degree.

AB 540 Eligibility Requirements

How do I know if I'm an AB 540 student?



Attendance

- Schooling in the state of CA for 3 years
- 2 years can be from a community college/adult school
- 24 semester units = 1 year

Graduation

- Have high school diploma or...
- Have a GED or...
- Meet the requirements to transfer to a CSU

Additional Information



- Students eligible for this exemption who are transferring to another California public college or university must submit a new request (and documentation if required) to each college under consideration.
- Nonresident student meeting the criteria will be exempted from the payment of nonresident tuition, but they will not be classified as California resident, they continue to be "nonresidents."
- AB 540 does not provide federal student financial aid eligibility for undocumented students, these students remain ineligible for federal financial aid.
- Undocumented students who are eligible for AB 540 will remain ineligible for federal financial aid.



TURN YOUR
DREAM
INTO YOUR
REALITY

CALIFORNIA DREAM ACT

Application for Financial Aid

What is the CA Dream Act?

The California Dream Act became law in 2011 after the passage of two assembly bills, AB 130 and AB 131. As a result, the California Dream Act application allows AB 540 eligible students to receive state financial aid to pay for college.

What is AB 130?

Assembly Bill 130 (AB 130) allows AB 540 students to apply for and **receive private, non-state funded scholarships.**

What is AB 131?

Assembly Bill 131 (AB 131) allows AB 540 students to **receive state financial aid at public colleges and universities in California.**

What kind of financial aid is available to me?

You *may be* eligible for the following forms of financial aid:

- Cal Grants, Chafee Grant
- University Scholarships (Private, UC, CSU)
- Middle Class Scholarship
- EOP/EOPS Grants and Services
- Private scholarships
- Student Loans

Where can I apply for the CA Dream Act?

Students will be able to file a CA Dream Act Application as early as October 1 of the year prior to the school year in which they plan to attend college. (Example: Apply for CA Dream Act starting October 1, 2020 if you plan to go to college during the 2021-2022 school year). The **deadline** to apply is **March 2**.

Apply at csac.ca.gov/dream_act.asp

DEADLINE:
MARCH 2

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How does my parent sign my application?

After completing your online application, navigate to the link that says "Sign Student Application." Your parent must select "Request Parent PIN" and answer the verification questions. Then your parent will be issued a 4-digit electronic PIN code to sign your application. Keep this code in a safe place; your parent will need it to re-sign each time you make a correction to your application.

Will my information be shared with Immigration and Naturalization Services (INS) or Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)?

No, your information and your parent's information will remain completely confidential, and is used to determine your financial aid eligibility only.



CA Dream Act cont.

APPLYING FOR THE CALIFORNIA DREAM ACT

APPLICATION OPENS **OCTOBER 1** | DEADLINE **MARCH 2**

BEFORE YOU APPLY

STUDENT INFORMATION THAT YOU WILL NEED TO APPLY

Make sure that you...

- Will be applying to a **CALIFORNIA** college or university.
- Fill out the **California Non-resident Tuition Exemption Request**.
- Will fill out an affidavit for the school you will be attending (see the school's admissions office for the form).
- Have your (the student's) Individual Tax Identification Number (ITIN) or Social Security Number (SSN), if you have one. If you do not have this information, please input 000-00-0000.
- Your (the student's) tax return, W-2 forms, and/or other records of money earned if you have them.

PARENT INFORMATION THAT YOU WILL NEED TO APPLY

Make sure that you...

- Your parents's date of birth.
- Your parents' Social Security Number or ITIN (if they have either). If they do not have this information, please input 000-00-0000.
- Your parents' tax returns and/or W-2 forms.
- Knowledge of any additional forms of income, such as child support and/or government assistant programs your family receives (WIC, TANF, free or reduced lunch, etc.).
- Knowledge of your family's assets (have bank statement available).



GENERAL FAQs

I qualify for AB 540, but do not have a Social Security Number (SSN), can I still go to college and get financial aid?

Yes! You just need to fill out the CA Dream Act Application to be eligible for state financial aid to attend a California college or university. Use your ITIN instead, or write "000-00-0000" in the SSN field if you do not have an ITIN.

I qualify for AB 540 and have a SSN. Should I fill out the CA Dream Act Application?

Yes. The CA Dream Act Application is used to determine how much financial aid you will receive for school (public and private) located in California only. If you plan to go to school outside of CA, check with the school that you are planning to attend to see which application you should fill out.

Can I still apply for the CA Dream Act if my parents do not file taxes?

Yes, select "Will not file" for the question that asks for your parents' tax information. However, you will still need to report an estimated income. Your college or university may ask you to verify this information. Contact the college or university for more information.

As an undocumented student, am I eligible for federal aid like Pell Grant, Federal Subsidized Loans, or Work Study?

If you have DACA you are not eligible for federal work programs but might be eligible for institution based programs. For example, the UC system has some programs and some institutions out of state also have programs similar to federal work study that is available for DACA recipients.

What if my parents live in another country and I live with a family member, significant other, roommate, etc.?

If you are 24 year or younger and do not meet the criteria for independent status, you must still provide your parents' information and one parent must sign your application. You cannot report your family member significant other, sibling, legal guardian, etc. in place of your parent information unless they have legally adopted you.

Can I use my SSN on the CSU, UC, and /or Dream Act applications?

Yes, you can choose to use your SSN for these applications, but it is not required. If you do choose to use your SSN, **be consistent** and include it in **ALL** of these applications. If you do NOT choose to use your SSN, **be consistent** and do **NOT** include it in **ANY** application.

Can undocumented students attend private or out-of-state schools?

In general, yes, with the exception of schools in Alabama and South Carolina. Keep in mind that tuition for out-of-state public schools is costly, and there is little financial aid available for undocumented students. Some private universities (in and out-of-state), however, offer generous amounts of financial aid for which you may qualify.

How do I know if I qualify for financial aid provided by a private university?

Contact the university financial aid office and ask about the financial aid that they offer to undocumented students.

Once approved for AB 540, do I need to submit a new form each semester?

No, once you have been approved for the Ab 540 exemption, it continues for subsequent terms as long as continuous enrollment is maintained.



Did you know?

In 2019 - 2020

22,511

CA Dreamers were offered awards (California Student Aid Commission).

SCHOLARSHIPS

The following organizations/websites provide scholarship opportunities that do not require citizenship status. Scholarships are often updated, so check these websites frequently.

10,000 Degrees

10000degrees.org/students/financial-aid-101/

Hispanic Scholarship Fund

latinocollegedollars.org

Hispanic Education Endowment Fund

heef.org

College Green Light

blog.collegegreenlight.com/blog/category/undocumentedstudents/#sthashN05GJa3h.dpbs

Dream.US

thedream.us

Educators for Fair Consideration

immigrantsrising.org/financial-support

MALDEF

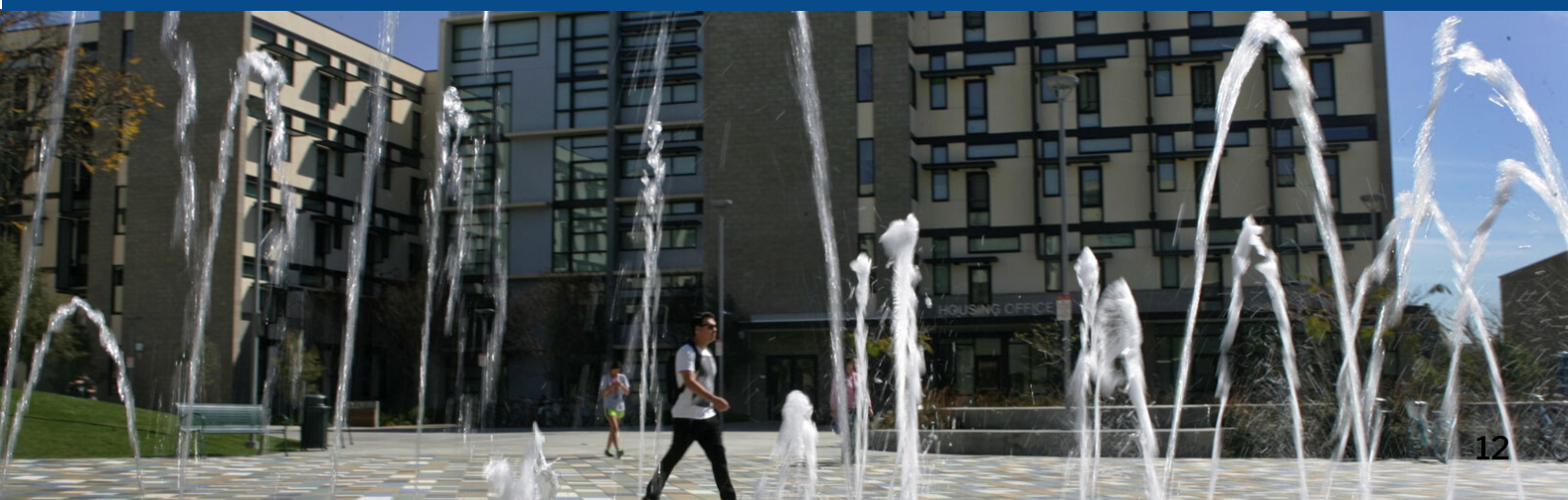
maldef.org/leadership/scholarship

STUDENT LOANS

What is a student loan?

A student loan is a sum of money given to students to pay for education that must be paid back. Currently, undocumented students are eligible for state funded student loans only.

The approval of SB 1210 in 2014 allows UC and CSU campuses to give state-funded student loans to undocumented students through the CA Dream Act. In January 2016, the California DREAM Loan program was approved for students attending UC campuses. Check with the college or university for more information.





CSUF TITAN DREAMERS RESOURCE CENTER (TDRC)

TITAN DREAMERS RESOURCE CENTER MISSION

The Titan Dreamers Resource Center provides undocumented students with academic and emotional support, referrals to financial assistance, information on programs and services that improve retention and graduation rates, and a comforting environment where students can connect with one another.

RESOURCE CENTER SERVICES

Cal State Fullerton aims to further its collaborative efforts within the scope of our campus community. The TDRC works to provide and consolidate information aimed towards aiding undocumented students. We partner with various offices and individuals to create a safe campus network for students. We also make recommendations to the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs to improve services for undocumented students.

SERVICES OFFERED

- Assistance with completing administrative paperwork
- Referrals to reliable legal counsel
- Co-curricular engagement opportunities
- Undocu-Ally Training
- Mental health and wellness support
- Workshops and programs that cover a wide range of topics including:
 - Secondary institutions
 - Intersecting identity
 - Leadership development
 - Identity support

Titan Dreamers Resource Center (TDRC)

Location: Pollak Library South 185

Hours: Mon - Thu, 8am - 7pm
Fri, 8am - 5pm

Email: tdrc@fullerton.edu

Phone: (657) 278-3234

Website: www.fullerton.edu/tdrc



Connect with us
@tdrc_csuf



CSU FULLERTON RESOURCES

Diversity Initiatives & Resource Centers (DIRC)

Location: Pollak Library South 180
Hours: Mon - Thu, 8:00am - 7:00pm
Fri, 8:00am - 5:00pm
Email: dirc@fullerton.edu
Phone: (657) 278-4391
Website: www.fullerton.edu/dirc

Dean of Students Office: Care Services, Basic Needs, & Student Conduct

Hours: Mon - Fri, 8am - 5pm
Drop-in: Mon - Fri, 3pm - 4pm
(Virtual appointments available)
Phone: (657) 278-3211
Website: www.fullerton.edu/deanofstudents

Financial Aid Office

Location: Gordan Hall 146
Operation Hours: Mon - Fri, 8am - 5pm
Wed, 11am - 5pm
Counseling Hours: Mon - Fri, 8am - 4pm
Wed, 12:30pm - 4pm
Email: financialaid@fullerton.edu
Phone: (657) 278-3125
Website: www.fullerton.edu/financialaid
www.fullerton.edu/financialaid/general/dreamact.php

DEDICATION
RESPONSIBILITY
EDUCATION
ATTITUDE
MOTIVATION

If you have more questions about financial aid or applying
to college, visit www.fullerton.edu/tdrc/faqs.php

What does _____ mean?

Summary of Financial Aid Key Terms

COST OF ATTENDANCE (COA) - The cost of attendance includes the total price of tuition, fees, room, board, textbooks, supplies, transportation, and personal expenses for one year of college.

CSS PROFILE - The CSS Profile is sometimes used by private colleges and universities to determine your financial needs. The schools sometimes use this application instead of the CA Dream Act and/or FAFSA.

EXPECTED FAMILY CONTRIBUTION (EFC) - The EFC is a measure of your family's financial strength. It is based on the information you submitted on the CA DREAM Act, including income, assets, family size, and the number of children in college. Your EFC represents the amount of money the federal government believes your family can contribute towards one academic year of college.

FINANCIAL AID PACKAGE - The financial aid package is a combination of multiple types and sources of financial aid available to you to help pay for college cost.

GRANTS - Awards typically based on financial need that do not need to be repaid. An example is the State University Grant. Eligibility often depends on your EFC/financial need.

PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (PIN) - A PIN is a 4-digit number used to electronically sign the online CA Dream Act application.

SELECTIVE SERVICE - Males who are at least 18 years old and have not yet reached their 26th birthday must register with the Selective Service. Failure to register may make the student ineligible for loan and grant programs. Several states have made Selective Service registration a prerequisite for state financial aid.

STATEMENT OF INTENT TO REGISTER - This is a form (may be electronic) submitted to a college or university that is used to demonstrate that you will enroll at the school. It is submitted after you have been admitted, and may require you to pay an enrollment deposit to secure your admission.

STUDENT AID REPORT (SAR) - The SAR is the official notification sent to you about a week after filing the CA Dream Act/FAFSA online. This document includes your Expected Family Contribution (EFC). The SAR also provides information about the colleges you are considering, such as the graduation rates.



DREAMERS REACH HIGHER



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